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Patentee: Michael Anh NGUYEN      Docket: 13151.0001US01  
Patent No.: 6,973,658  
Issued: December 6, 2005  
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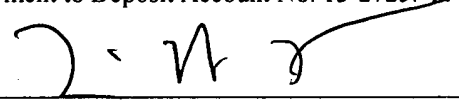
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Dear Sir:

A Request for Certificate of Correction is enclosed along with this communication. The priority information was left off the front page of the application. Applicants respectfully request that priority be added at no charge. The claim for Priority was made at the time of filing the application on August 22, 2001. The priority document was submitted on January 2, 2002. Also, the Notice of Allowance confirmed perfection of the claim and filing of priority.

Applicants enclose a copy of the return postcard claiming priority (Exhibit A), the return postcard indicating the Priority Document filed on January 2, 2002, was received by the USPTO on January 18, 2002 (Exhibit B), and a photocopy of form PTOL-37 indicating the claim for priority was acknowledge by the USPTO (Exhibit C).

In view of the above, applicants respectfully request the claim for priority be included on the patent application and that no fees be charged. Any questions or concerns regarding this communication can be directed to the Brian H. Batzli at (612).336.4755.

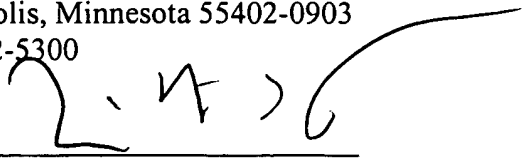
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Exhibit A

5. Prepare any required form letters
6. Forward to attorney for review/signature

Receipt is hereby acknowledged for the following in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

Applicant : NGUYEN  
 Title: A RECONFIGURABLE COMMUNICATION INTERFACE AND METHOD THEREFOR  
 Docket.: 13151.1US01  
 Express Mail No.: EL 920770118 US  
 Date of Deposit: August 22, 2001

- ☒ Transmittal sheet, in duplicate, containing Certificate under 37 CFR 1.10.
- ☒ Utility Patent Application: Spec. 22 pgs; 33 claims; Abstract 1 pgs.
- ☒ 5 sheets of formal drawings
- ☒ Small entity status is claimed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.27
- ☒ An unsigned Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$472.00 to cover the Filing Fee
- ☒ Other: Communication Regarding Priority Claim
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If this is a PROVISIONAL patent application, make a note with the REV. date in the Attorney calendar that the provisional form letter should also be sent.

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Exhibit B

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In re Application of: NGUYEN  
For: A RECONFIGURABLE COMMUNICATION INTERFACE AND METHOD THEREFOR  
Docket No. 09/151-TUS01  
Filed: August 22, 2001  
Serial No.: 09/934618

- Date Mailed: January 2, 2002
- ☒ Transmittal Sheet in duplicate containing Certificate of Mailing
  - ☒ Certified copy of a Singapore application, Serial No. 200004835-5, filed August 25, 2000, the right of priority of which is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119
  - ☒ Other: Communication re: Submission of Priority Document
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Exhibit C

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

09/934,618

Examiner

St. John Courtenay III

Applicant(s)

NGUYEN, MICHAEL ANH

Art Unit

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to request for reconsideration received June 10, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-33, now renumbered 1-33.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 22 August 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☒ None of the:
    1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**


5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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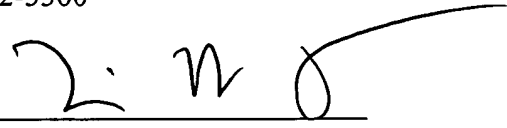
As none of the errors listed is due to Applicant's mistake, no fee is necessary in connection with this Certificate.

Issuance of the Certificate of Correction would neither expand nor contract the scope of the claims, and re-examination is not required.

Respectfully submitted,

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**PAGE** 1 **of** 1

**DATED :** December 6, 2005

**INVENTOR(S) :** Michael Anh NGUYEN

It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

page 1, Priority information was omitted from the patent. Please add priority information

Singapore application, Serial No. 200004835-5, filed August 25, 2000

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